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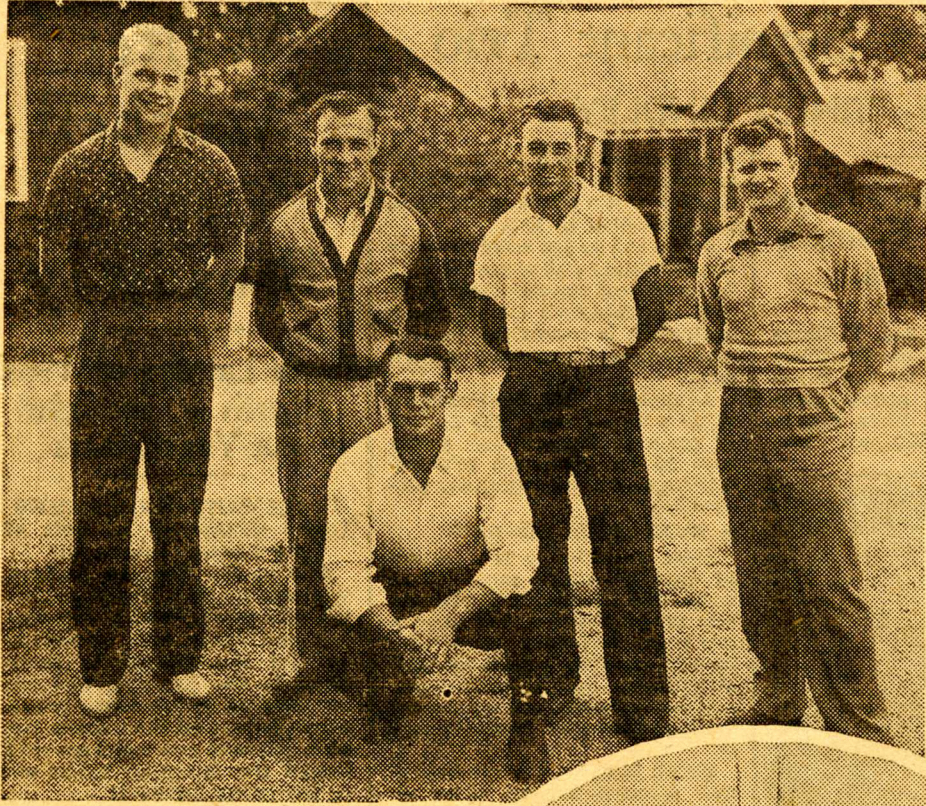


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The mayor and members of the city council of Cherryton. Mayor Waddell is in the foreground; back of him are the four councilmen: Bemo Wonsowicz, Joe Gili, Duke Dulaney and Nick Latkovic.



On the bed is Carlton Clark, left end, and seated is Elliott Stevens, halfback. Stevens is president of the college's senior class.

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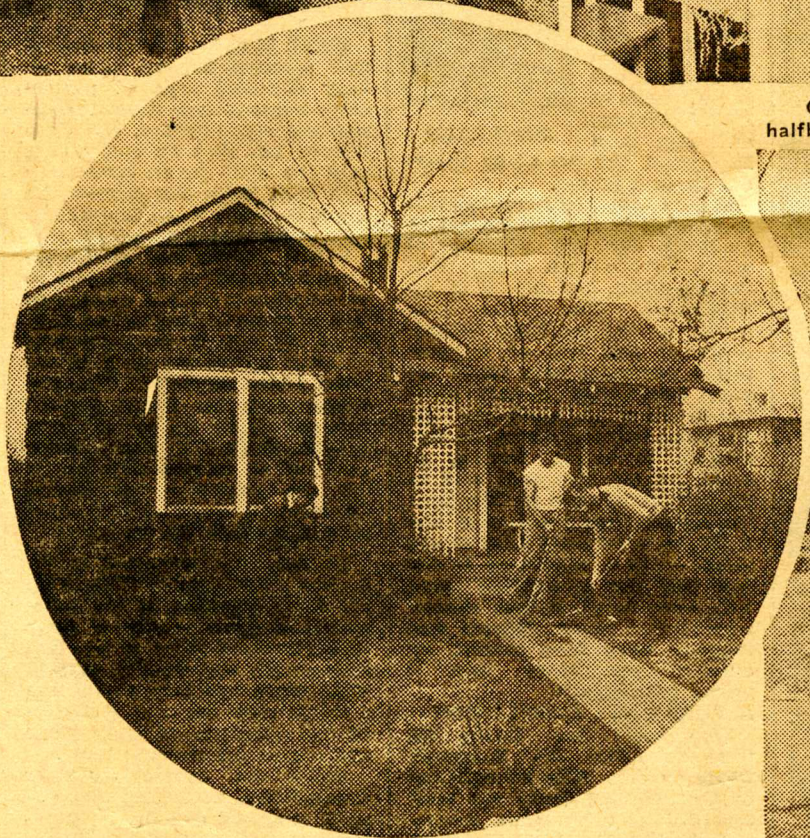
Bowling Green Boasts Unique College Community

By KELLY THOMPSON

ONE of the most unusual little towns in Kentucky is located on the campus of Western Kentucky Teachers College at Bowling Green. Cherryton, as it is best known, or "The Village," as it is commonly referred to, is one street less than two blocks long which leads from the Western stadium to the lower athletic field. There are 13 cottages on the street, and nine of them are occupied by the athletes who play on Western's football and basketball squads. The other four cottages are occupied by an assistant football coach, a member of the bursar's staff, a teacher in the Bowling Green schools, and a practical nurse whose children attended Western.

The fifty-four athletes are responsible for the village premises at all times. Each one is definitely responsible for the room in which he lives, and awards in the form of honor keys are made annually by the Western Athletic Department to the two whose housekeeping is considered the most nearly perfect.

While there is a minimum number of rules and regulations governing the village, the ones that are set up are ironclad and are enforced by a city council elected at the beginning of each school year



Jimmy Salato, Carleton Clark and Rudy Senitza give a weekly cleaning to the front yard of their Cherryton cottage.

by the athletes themselves. Waddell Murphy, of Lancaster, Ky., regular fullback on the Western varsity, is the present mayor of the village. Serving with him as village councilmen are representatives from the four college classes. Joe Gili, of Clinton, Ind., co-captain of the varsity football team, is the senior representative; Nick Latkovic, of Gary, Ind., halfback, is the junior representative; Vernon ("Duke") Dulaney, of Ashland, Ky., halfback, is the sophomore representative; and Bemo Wonsowicz, of Gary, Ind., represents the freshmen.

IT IS THE duty of the city council to inspect all rooms in the village at regular intervals and otherwise to keep an open eye for any infringement of the village regulations. At the first of each month Mayor Murphy calls the council into official meeting, at which time fines are assessed against anyone who has been negligent in the care of his premises or has committed an offense against the village ordinances. The

finer consist mostly of demerits, which go down in a permanent record against the offender. The record of demerits is one of the main yardsticks used by the Athletic Department in determining from semester to semester just who will occupy the cottages. If the offense is serious enough, the offender is fined actual money. The only money fines the council has had to assess since September are two one-dollar penalties against roommates who during a friendly scuffle broke the plaster in their room.

As a reward for their work of inspecting, members of the city council are given their room rent free. The mayor not only gets his room rent, but the job also carries with it a fifty-dollar honorarium, which goes to pay his registration fees. All others who live in the village pay regular room rent to the college at the rate of two dollars a month each. The money derived from this source, together with that which comes in from four private cottages, goes into a



Waddell Murphy (left) and Sam Panepinto, who have been elected to lead the 1939 Hilltopper football team, Panepinto as captain and Murphy as alternate captain, pose at the Cherryton city limits.

fund for the upkeep of the village.

One of the yearly highlights in the civic life of the village is election day when the mayor and the councilmen are chosen. The week preceding the election is marked by nightly outdoor meetings at which the candidates or the candidates' supporters really wage "old time" political debates. Hand bills and banners singing the praises of the respective candidates play a prominent part in the campaign. At the last election the most conspicuous banner seen in the village carried the slogan "Roosevelt Wants Murphy." Another, almost as glaring, read: "Two 'chickens' in every garage. Elect Stevens."

HOW the village came into existence is a story familiar to many Western Kentuckians who attended Western during Bowling Green's great oil boom which started in 1919. With the heavy influx of speculators and oil field workers, which naturally followed the discovery of oil in Warren County, the problem of student housing at Western became acute. It was then that the late President H. H. Cherry, after whom the village was named, conceived the idea of building the village. The school landscape artist and the school architect rushed the project through, and by the fall semester of 1920 many of the houses were being occupied. The village grew rapidly.

The plan of financing Cherryton was unique. The student desiring the use of a house "bought" it for four years at a cost ranging from \$200 for the one-room houses to \$400 for the three-room ones. Only a student or a teacher was privileged to buy one of the houses, and after he had secured ownership he had the right to do what he chose with it. The owner could rent rooms or subrent a part of the house. If the student desired to relinquish ownership at any time, a percentage of his investment was refunded. At the end of four years the cottage again became the property of the college.

For many years Cherryton prospered. Nestled on a shaded slope in the heart of the campus, it made a delightful place for living in both summer and winter. Its beautiful location, however, contributed to its doom, as it was directly in the path of the rapidly growing College Heights. In 1924 a small portion of Cherryton was destroyed to clear the site for the model rural school. In 1927 part of it was torn away to make room for the stadium. The following year at least 25 cottages were razed in order to make way for a new dormitory, and later one of its principal streets was given the death knell as construction of the swimming pool was started.

Premier Sunday Cross Word Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Evergreen tree
- 6—Pierce
- 10—Rural deity, half man, half goat
- 14—Husks of grain
- 19—Cognizant
- 20—Smooth breathing
- 21—Player's stake in poker
- 22—Pertaining to the ear
- 23—Untwist
- 24—Complicated
- 26—Pass rope through
- 27—Piece out
- 28—Ascertain the speed as of horses
- 30—Black bird
- 31—Rim
- 33—Part of the

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- 64—Rule
- 65—Vex
- 68—Macaw
- 69—Point on which something turns
- 71—Yellowish brown
- 73—Weaker
- 74—Harsh
- 75—Box
- 76—Peel of a fruit
- 77—Stupefy
- 78—Plexus
- 79—At all times
- 80—Native of country of northwestern Europe
- 83—Seed covering
- 84—Endures
- 87—Observer
- 89—Make eccentric
- 91—Particle
- 93—The pineapple